

My household listens to XM because local radio has become useless. Unlike local radio XM's traffic and weather is effective and helps me make decisions about my daily commute. Something I would have to wait for on local radio and pick out the information between advertising and annoying morning DJs. As radio has consolidated I have made the choice to stop listening. The stations have become so similar that it's no longer worth listening. With local content, quality and variety limited there's no reason to listen.

XM provides high quality content, a wide variety, and local traffic and weather when I need it. To eliminate local traffic and weather now would remove the most effective local news I have.

Unbelievably terrestrial radio is not using the advantage they are demanding because they offer painfully little in terms of local programming. I pay for my XM service to receive its high quality content. If terrestrial radio feels threatened by satellite radio maybe Clear Channel, Infinity and stations everywhere should go back to offering high quality local news and weather and a variety of programming that's worth listening to. That's market forces at work and restricting the kinds of content allowed on satellite radio is giving terrestrial radio an unfair advantage.

Satellite television is required to offer local programming. Satellite radio should be allowed to do the same.